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MLA MEETING

The Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 16 - 19 June 1953. Mr. William D. Postell (Louisiana), President of the Association, presided.

There were 147 registrations. California had the largest delegation (22). The Armed Forces Medical Library was represented by Miss Estelle Brodman, Miss Mary E. Grinnell, Mr. Robert B. Austin, and Dr. William Jerome Wilson.

At the opening session in the Gold Ballroom of the Newhouse Hotel, addresses of welcome were given by Dr. John Z. Bowers, Dean of the College of Medicine, and Dr. L. David Hiner, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Utah, as well as by Dr. Kenneth B. Castleton, President of the Utah State Medical Association. These were followed by an illustrated talk on "Methods of Investigation of Human Inheritance" by Dr. Frank H. Tyler and Dr. Fayette E. Stephens, of the Departments of Medicine and Genetics, University of Utah.

Several group meetings were held. At the Medical School Group Meeting, Mrs. Bernice M. Hetzner (Nebraska) presided. Dr. Frank A. Lundy, Director of Libraries, University of Nebraska, presented a paper on "Medical School Library Administration," and Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, Vice President, University of Texas Medical Branch, spoke on "The Role of the Medical Library in the Medical School Curriculum."

At the Pharmacy Group Meeting, Mrs. Ina Pearson (Idaho) presided. Among the papers presented were those by Mrs. Irene M. Strieby (Eli Lilly) on "The Pharmacy Library of the Future," by Dr. George E. Osborne, College of Pharmacy, University of Utah, on "Faculty and Student Use of the Library," and by Dr. Richard A. Deno, University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, on "The Proposed Joint Committee on Pharmacy College Libraries." Mr. Harold Oatfield (Chas. Pfizer) was elected Chairman of the Pharmacy Group for the next year.

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The Medical Society Group Meeting heard reports and papers from Miss Frida Pliefke (Hennepin County), Miss Gertrude Clark (Los Angeles County), and Miss Pauline Duffield (Texas Medical Association). Miss Duffield and Miss Helen Holt (Houston Academy of Medicine) were elected Co-Chairmen of the Group.

There was also a panel discussion on Regional Meetings, with Mrs. Lillian B. Dumke (Colorado) as moderator.

Dr. William Jerome Wilson gave an informal account of his recent book-buying trip to Europe. Considerable interest was shown in Dr. Wilson's experiences with book-dealers, his film packet system of checking holdings, and his observations on the people and countries visited.

One session was devoted to a Symposium on Classification, with Miss Clara Manson (Lane) as moderator. Several sessions were given over to committee reports and administrative matters. One session was held at the new VA Hospital at Fort Douglas. Here a remarkable film, "Seizure," was shown, with introductory remarks by Dr. Madison Thomas, Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah.

Mr. L. H. Kirkpatrick, University of Utah Library, was the principal speaker at the Annual Banquet. His topic, "Gathering Books for the Saints: a History of Libraries in Territorial Utah," was both interesting and informative. Miss Mary Louise Marshall (Tulane) received the Marcia C. Noyes award for distinguished service in medical librarianship.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President - Miss Marion Dondale (Albany)

Vice President - Miss Wilma Troxel (Illinois)

Honorary
Vice President - Dr. Louis S. Goodman (Salt Lake City)

Secretary - Miss Audrey L. Kargus
(St. Louis Medical Society)

Treasurer - Mr. R. A. Schleuter (AEC, Oak Ridge)

Board of
Directors - Miss Bertha B. Hallam (Oregon)

Mr. J. Alan McWatt (Lederle)

Miss Isabelle T. Anderson served as the able Convention Chairman. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Washington, D. C., 15 - 18 June 1954.

AFML ADVISORY GROUP

The terms of office of Dr. Wilburt C. Davison and Colonel Clement F. St. John having expired, two new members have been appointed, each for a three-year term ending 30 June 1956. They are:

Dr. Austin Smith, Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, Chicago

Colonel Thair C. Rich, Medical Plans and Operations Division, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S.Army

Other members of the Group are Dr. Basil G. Bibby (Rochester), Dr. Richard H. Shryock (Johns Hopkins), Captain Wilbur E. Kellum (U.S. Navy), Miss Janet Doe (New York Academy of Medicine), Dr. Karl F. Meyer (California), and Colonel Fratis L. Duff (U. S. Air Force). The next meeting of the Advisory Group will be held at the Library on 23 October 1953.

FULBRIGHT AWARD

Dr. Dorothy M. Schullian, of the Library's History of Medicine Division, Cleveland, has received a Fulbright Award for study in Italy. She will be on leave of absence from the AFML for one year, and expects to sail for Rome on 18 August 1953. A note by Dr. Schullian on the School of Salerno appears in the Journal of the History of Medicine 8:220-1, April 1953.

NEWS MAILING LIST REVISED

Recipients of the News were circularized in May 1953 and the revised mailing list thus obtained is being utilized beginning with the distribution of this issue. The circulation is now about 650, including 260 libraries, 70 publications, and 200 members of the FRIENDS.

CURRENT LIST EXHIBIT

The Library exhibit for July and August will consist of a series of panels showing the processing of a journal article step by step through publication in the Current List of Medical Literature. There will be a parallel exhibit showing how the Current List might be composed by machine methods; this was worked out by the Indexing Project at the Welch Medical Library.

Also on display will be issues of the Current List depicting its development from the small weekly issue to its present format.

GARRISON NOTEBOOKS

The Armed Forces Medical Library has recently acquired some notebooks of Dr. Fielding H. Garrison. These consist of 18 small blank books, partially filled in, predominantly in pencil. Generally the material is undated but some of the books as indicated on the covers come from the Philippine period. There is a little bit of everything in the books - quotations, musical notations, copied poems, translations of poems, drafts of essays, limericks, and random comments of all kinds. The blank sheets are occasionally defaced with the scrawls of Garrison's children. It will be some time before this material can be thoroughly mined and its contents fully revealed.

DIRECTOR TO EUROPE

Lieutenant Colonel Frank B. Rogers will leave Washington on 17 July to attend the First International Congress on Medical Librarianship, in London. He will also attend a meeting of the Council for International Organizations of the Medical Sciences, at Geneva, and before returning to London to speak at the First World Conference on Medical Education, he expects to visit medical libraries in Paris, Milan, Rome, Frankfurt, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. Colonel Rogers will return to the Library about 1 September.

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